

# The BLUE WAVE

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For the Cincinnati Police Department officers, civilian employees, retirees and their respective families.

The Blue Wave's fourth issue seems the proper time to recognize one of the CPD's many four-legged members on the masthead. In the photo's center is Oscar, a 6-year-old Labrador Retriever who is an Explosive Detection Canine. Oscar was keenly disappointed that the photographer's studio didn't have a single explosive device in it. Surrounding him in perfect "Stand! Stay!" formation are (from the left): Specialist Jim Bertram, Vice Unit; Shannon Johnson, Executive Assistant to Police Relations Manager; Officer Michael Amman, Tactical Planning Unit (and Oscar's best friend, as well as handler); Sergeant Pete Watts, District 2 First Shift and Cathy Hanifin, Clerk Typist III, Vice Unit. Photo by Rick Adams.

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## SOLVING THE MURDER OF PATROLMAN DONALD MARTIN

44 years later

Story by Patricia A. Trubow



It started with an innocent request on what should have been a quiet evening. It ended in a tragedy that remained unsolved for more than 44 years. The eventual solving by Detectives Kurt Ballman and Jeff

Schare of the 1961 killing of Patrolman Donald Martin has been called "outstanding detective work" by Chief of Police Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. and brings closure to one of the most troubling homicide cases in CPD history.

### March 1961

At 11 p.m. on March 10, 1961, 29-year-old Patrolman Donald Martin came on duty at old District 7. Less than two weeks before, Martin had passed his fifth anniversary as a policeman. Secure in his work and future, he and his wife, Gayle, were in the process of adopting a baby and needed a larger car. Sergeant Hike Bogosian told him that if the shift was quiet he could take a few minutes to look through some of the car lots in his patrol area.

It was a quiet shift, and four hours later, Martin pulled his patrol car into what was then the Nabisco parking lot at 721 Reading Road.

Martin walked onto the lot of the Downtown Mercury Lincoln dealer adjacent to the Nabisco lot to look at cars for his growing family. Unfortunately, he found two men in the process of stealing a battery from one of the cars on display. On the street a third man waited in a car, apparently a combination look out and getaway driver.

When Martin confronted the men, a violent struggle followed. One of the thieves managed to get Martin's .38 caliber service revolver from him (possibly related to the cross draw holsters that were then in use). He turned the gun on Martin, shooting him in the chest. Martin turned and tried to flee for his life.

At that moment Dayton residents Jack Weiner, Charles Minich, Hugh Moore and Harold Stiver were on their way home up Reading Road from a night of gambling in Newport, when they heard gunshots and saw a police officer being chased up a parking ramp and around a pole. Martin's hands were in the air when Stiver saw one of the men shoot Martin in the back. Martin fell and the shooter fired a final round into the back of Martin's head behind his left ear.

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## PLANNING FOR CHANGE, PLANNING FOR SUCCESS



### From the Desk of ...

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.,  
*Cincinnati Chief of Police*

Five years ago the CPD Command Staff leadership conducted a planning retreat to address the Department's future.

Since that time there have been numerous changes in our operation. Some have been planned, a result of anticipated internal forces. Others have been the result of external forces due to situations outside our complete control. In each case, we have responded, adjusted operations and continued to meet our service obligations. Through these changes and growth, our organization has improved.

Earlier this year, the Command Staff leadership held a two-day planning retreat where information was presented on many areas of our operation. This was a time for detailed sharing, concentrated listening, thoughtful asking, constructive challenging, and measured rethinking as we worked to become as thoroughly updated as possible and to chart a strategy for the future.

A point of continuing concern throughout the retreat was the recognition of major changes on the horizon regarding positions of leadership in the Department. A significant number of the Command Staff will be retiring in the 2010 to 2012 timeframe. I will retire, all of the assistant chiefs will retire or be

eligible to, and about 12 of today's 17 captains will have retired or be eligible to do so.

The current leadership has a serious responsibility for succession planning. We must actively work to develop personnel so that new people...today's sergeants and lieutenants...will be prepared to step into higher ranks and have the necessary skills, experience and understanding to competently assume their expanded responsibilities.

It is easy for a young officer, whose work centers on providing a variety of services to the public, to forget that the Cincinnati Police Department is also a business operation. Someone who truly wishes to lead must be concerned about more than promotion exams and day-to-day competence in patrol work or crime solving. A leader needs a breadth of understanding of how the organization works. He or she must seek assignments that are a different kind of challenge, a stretch in a new direction.

I challenge our up-and-coming leadership to consider such issues as they contemplate their careers. Your futures are the future of this Department, its reputation, its ability to excel.

Not every assignment will be as much "fun" or exciting as others. But tomorrow's leaders must have a clear understanding and appreciation of how the Department operates. That means

*"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."*

-Attributed to Daniel Hudson Burnham  
(1846-1912)

seeking to learn the various administrative functions, as mundane as some of those assignments may seem. The functions of the CPD are inextricably entwined and must operate well or the entire organization will suffer.

Those of us who are today's leadership must remember our responsibilities to mentor and nurture the coming generation of leaders because a huge part of our legacy will be their development. It is not enough to identify people with strengths and talents; we must also constructively address weaknesses and provide a wide array of experiences to prepare them for the future.

*If we do our jobs well, our reward will be in seeing them exceed our accomplishments and surpass our dreams.*

I challenge each of you to consider the following:

- As an entity, how are we going to meet our goals? In addition to such nuts and bolts goals as reducing crime, what can we do to be more proactive, more aggressive in our visibility?
- How can we best cultivate positive relationships with community leadership so that working for a better, safer Cincinnati is a true partnership activity?
- How effective are we in embracing CPOP and all that it promises to achieve?
- How do we increase citizen/community involvement?
- How do we earn and increase the pride of the citizenship in the CPD?

The entire Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region depends on a vital and prosperous City of Cincinnati. If we aggressively plan for change, and plan for success, the Cincinnati Police Department will be a driving force in the revitalization of our city; and the economic and social benefits will be realized throughout the tri-state area. 🏠

## *S*OLVING THE MURDER OF PATROLMAN DONALD MARTIN

44 years later

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The Dayton men turned their car around and went to the aid of the officer. Realizing he'd been spotted, the man with the gun fired at the oncoming car, then fled across Reading Road up Dandridge Street, shedding his jacket, shirt and Martin's gun into a trash can as he ran. The other man ran across the railroad tracks behind a warehouse. The driver of the getaway car, likely panicking when he heard the gunshots, drove away leaving the other two behind, a decision which led to his probable murder a few years later.

While Stiver tried to assist the dying officer, his three friends went to a nearby public phone to call the police. Martin was transported to a local hospital where he died of his injuries.

Meanwhile, scores of police began a manhunt and combed the area for evidence. Despite the witnesses, the evidence that was found, the multitude of tips called in, the detailed follow-up interviews that were made and the suspects considered, the case went unsolved.

A man by the name of Frank Murph was the most strongly suspected, but lacking direct evidence linking him to the case no charges were filed. A Walter Baker Walls was another suspect, but again, there was insufficient direct evidence.

Over the years files were misplaced or lost and the case went cold. Periodically someone would look at the case again, frustrated that the truth was still unknown. But year after year, Martin's killers went on about their lives devoid of concern for what they had done. In fact, two of them even bragged to family members about killing a cop – and getting away with murder.

### February 2005

On February 2, 2005, an unexpected telephone call into CPD's Homicide Unit started a new chain of events. Detectives Jeff Schare and Kurt Ballman interviewed a witness who, facing a personal crisis and wanting a clean conscience, had decided to share information she had long kept secret



Detectives Kurt Ballman and Jeff Schare with the boxes of evidence files amassed during the Martin homicide investigation.

about an ex-husband. He had supposedly confessed to her that he had murdered a police officer in the early 1960s.

The two detectives took the information the woman provided and began looking into unsolved homicides of police officers and private security officers. The only unsolved homicide of a CPD officer was that of Donald Martin. As they waded through the old files, it quickly became apparent that the information the woman had provided did not fit his killing. But the two men became intrigued by the case and began to dig deeper into the facts. During their search Schare found a small, previously overlooked and forgotten note that indicated the prime suspect, Frank Murph,

could not have been the guilty party because he had been in jail at the time.

A call was put out to retired officers that might know something and could help clarify the reams of notes in the files. On March 6, 2005, Schare and Ballman met with retired Detective Jerry Schimpf who had worked on the case at the time under Detective Will Stagenhorst. Schimpf was able to fill in numerous details, adding light to miscellaneous notes on the case.

Based on information provided by Schimpf, Schare and Ballman began to locate relatives of Walter Baker Walls to interview them and see what they knew about the case. They located Wall's daughter and went to her home to interview her. "We identified ourselves and said we wanted to speak with her about her father. She looked at us and said 'This isn't about my dad killing a cop, is it?' We stood there for a moment, speechless," says Ballman.

The woman then began to relate her late father's long and violent history, including the fact that he and his then girl friend, Brenda Anders, were charged with murdering her mother, Anna Walls, in front of her in 1969. Charges on that homicide against Walls were dropped in exchange for his testimony against Anders, who had actually pulled the trigger. Anders was convicted and sent to prison for several years.

A short time later, the detectives interviewed another one of Anna Walls' daughters who had also seen her mother murdered. This one was not Walter's daughter, but rather the daughter of his brother, Earl, who had fathered a couple of Anna's children while Walter was imprisoned on an earlier conviction. When Anna and Walter had separated, Walter had been required to pay child support for all of his wife's children born during their marriage,

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# CPOP TEAMS AS INTEGRAL PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Article by Laura A. Carr and Photos by Noel Morgan

**CPOP – Community Problem Oriented Policing** – has been part of the Cincinnati Police Department since 1994. Over 1,000 residents from over 26 Cincinnati communities are trained in the SARA model of conflict resolution. The success of the CPOP teams is dependent upon community involvement, and not just directives from the Memorandum of Understanding which is part of the Collaborative Agreement to enhance the outreach efforts of the Cincinnati Police Department.

“The SARA model the CPOP teams use have resulted in positive outcomes for the community,” says Lieutenant Larry Powell, Community Oriented Policing Coordinator. “SARA is a scanning, analysis, response and assessment model that allows community CPOP teams to identify the problem, review data, identify causes, develop solutions and make recommendations to accomplish their goals.”

## SARA leads to Bumps on the Bridge

The “Bumps on the Bridge” project galvanized the Kennedy Heights community into using their CPOP training in the SARA model to create a successful solution to a community problem. Kennedy Height resident, Ben Pipkin, used the Problem Analysis triangle – victim, offender and location – to look at a popular gathering place in his community for drug dealers and other mischievous events.

Kennedy Heights residents determined that a bridge located in their community was a popular gathering place for drug dealers because of its central location and easy access to major roads for a quick getaway. Pipkin lead the effort to place concrete “bumps” on the railing on both sides of the bridge to keep drug dealers from hanging out to make drug deals. He also encouraged his neighbors



Top: While they were working on the project, CPOP team members used chalk to write their own graffiti: *More bumps, fewer rumps!*

Bottom: Bumps on the bridge made sitting on the railing a very uncomfortable perch.

to help clean up the area around the bridge by cutting down overgrown bushes and picking up discarded trash.

Pipkin and his neighbors forced the drug dealers from a popular drug spot in their community by their persistence in replacing the concrete bumps that were destroyed and by keeping the area surrounding the bridge clear of overgrown weeds that were used as hiding places. “I didn’t want my community overrun by drug dealers,” says Pipkin. “We worked with the police department to have the bridge watched. Finally, the drug dealers gave up and left the bridge.”

“It was the joint effort between community volunteers and the Cincinnati Police Department that made the differ-

ence. We now have 1,200 uncomfortable bumps along the railing on both sides of the road and no drug dealers sitting on them.”

“The Kennedy Heights CPOP team is one of many successful examples of police-community collaboration,” adds Powell. “Empowering the community to help ‘police’ their neighborhoods is one of the reasons the Department also decided to change the role of the Neighborhood Officers.”

## Levels of service increased

By consolidating and reorganizing the Neighborhood Officers, communities now have several officers assigned to patrol their communities instead of just one. “Our goal was to increase the level of service to the communities, and not take away an officer who was familiar to the community. In many cases, Neighborhood Officers remained where they were,” states Powell. “We can now offer residents CPOP coverage 24/7 by having more than one officer assigned to their community. This also enables us to provide more extensive coverage within a community.

“We are not doing traditional policing anymore,” adds Powell. “We have moved to the SARA model and are more problem-solving and solution-oriented. Our goal is to train all 52 community councils and expand the current CPOP teams to all communities, and we are halfway there.

“Our statistics show that ten percent of the offenders commit 55 percent of the crime. Sixty percent of all police radio runs go to ten percent of the locations. Ten percent of the victims account for 40 percent of the crimes,” says Powell. “Community Oriented Policing should help change those numbers.” 🍷

## CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY



The one in the middle is “Handsome,” CPD’s first “canine recruit.” Flanking him are (from left) Lieutenant Alan March, the museum board’s vice president, and retired Lieutenant Pat Olvey, who is the board’s president.

Following some 40 years of optimistic dreaming and six years of serious planning and concerted effort, the Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society is nearing its goal of opening a museum on the premises of the Cincinnati Police Credit Union. At press time for *The Blue Wave*, a June opening was anticipated.

Although the museum will have “multi-jurisdictional” representation, because the CPD is the largest local police body much of the museum’s emphasis in both its artifacts and archival records will focus on the CPD.

A portion of the building that the Police Credit Union occupies has been remodeled to accommodate the museum. A separate entrance, styled to look like a turn-of-the-century police station’s front door, has been created complete with brick walk, arched entrance and globe lights.

The displays under way include a retrospective on uniforms, badges, and firearms. The museum has acquired lithograph certificates issued by the City for heroic acts. These handsome and detailed

documents have been framed and hung, as have some other historic artifacts.

The first thing a visitor will see upon entering the door is a large glass cabinet that houses the professionally preserved body of “Handsome”, CPD’s first (and unofficial) police dog. Handsome was found as a bedraggled and half dead puppy one rainy winter night in a rough section along the river by some CPD officers. They carried the puppy back to their station and nurtured him to health.

“These officers patrolled a very rough area and, frankly, they were a hardnosed group of men, not the sort you might think would worry about a puppy. But they were also caring people and not only did they save him, but they raised him up. He became more than just a mascot, but actually helped apprehend some criminals during his time,” said Museum Vice President Alan March, who is a CPD lieutenant.

After Handsome died in 1911 at age 14, the officers who had loved and protected him paid to have his body professionally mounted. The case with Handsome has at various times resided in

the CPD Academy entrance area and in the FOP basement. Now it will greet visitors to the museum.

One of the fund raising efforts for the museum has been the sale of brick pavers for the front entrance area. Donors will have their name, the name of a person they wish to memorialize or honor or the name of their organization inscribed on the paver. Anyone who would like to purchase a paver may do so for \$50. For more information on this, contact retired Lieutenant Patrick Olvey, the museum’s board president. Olvey may be reached by e-mail at [gcphs@yahoo.com](mailto:gcphs@yahoo.com) or by calling 513-300-3664.

Eventually the documents and photos in the museum’s archives will be made available for research purposes. Artifacts, documents, photos, old news clips, and other paraphernalia will always be welcome donations. There are also numerous volunteer opportunities. Interested parties should contact either Olvey as noted above, or March at 513-352-2587 for information. 🍷

# 99TH POLICE RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATES



March 10, 2006, saw 28 hats tossed with considerable glee into the air at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony for the 99th Police Recruit Class. Over 300 family members and friends gathered to watch the 28 new officers receive their commissions from Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. Also present were Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager David E. Rager and several members of the City Council.

Assistant Police Academy Commander Lieutenant Anthony Carter served as master of ceremonies for the event which was held at the Masonic Hall in Downtown Cincinnati.

The graduation recognized the accomplishments of 24 weeks of intense study and training in preparation for careers as police officers. Speakers included City Mayor Mark Mallory, City Manager David Rager, Chief of Police Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., and FOP President Kathy Harrell. Following the ceremony, the crowd was entertained by a special video produced by Officer Governor Williams of the class members during their training period.

Several awards were presented during the program. Honorees included:

**Class President**  
Dustin P. Peet

**Class Secretary**  
Chantia M. Pearson

**Class Vice President**  
Matthew J. Leitzinger

**Class Valedictorian**  
Andrew C. Mitchell

**Class Treasurer**  
Amber R. Burress

**Top Marksman**  
Thomas J. DeFranco







The newly commissioned members of the  
99th Police Recruit Class are:

Robert E. Bohl  
James Dr. Broomes  
Amber R. Burress  
Curtis Chandler\*  
Ronald A. Cherry  
Cara M. Day  
Thomas J. DeFranco  
Julie N. Graham  
Matthew J. Leitzinger  
Robert J. Lind  
Hannibal T. Mayhams  
Dewayne McMenama  
Jacquelyn M. Metz  
Andrew C. Mitchell  
Chantia M. Pearson  
Dustin P. Peet  
Jimmy N. Pham  
Jason L. Rice  
Veronica Robinson  
Mark A. Ruter  
Shwanda Stone  
Karen D. Taylor  
Phillip Threatt  
Jeffrey W. Toms  
Dennis A. Van Kesteren  
Alaina Weber  
Brian M. Wheeler  
Diondre L. Winstead

*\*Member of the Cincinnati Fire  
Department*

Photographs by Clarence "Sid" Caesar, Alice Stallcup and Patricia Trubow



## SERGEANT BRIDGET BARDUA RECEIVES LEADING WOMEN AWARD

Sergeant Bridget Bardua was named one of this year's "Leading Women in Cincinnati," receiving her award in the Law Enforcement category. Bardua was recognized for her supervisory work in the CPD Narcotics unit including arrests made, contraband recovered and illegal financial assets seized. In addition her work in assisting in special projects, such as the Presidential Inauguration, was cited.

The award was presented to Bardua on March 2 by the organization "Leading Women in Cincinnati." CPD Officer Princess Davis, District 1, received this same award in 2005.

The Leading Women in Cincinnati organization was formed in 1995 to recognize the 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment gave women the right to vote. The organization's second goal was to recognize Women's History Month by honoring current day women of accomplishment. Each year the organization recognizes 20 women of note in the community for their achievements in their individual fields of expertise, as community leaders and as mentors to others. 🇺🇸

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without regard as to who the father might be. It was his anger over this that had led him to arrange Anna Wall's murder at his girl friend's hands.

Over time, the two detectives continued to interview various family members including his brother William Walls, several other children and several nephews. They were increasingly astounded by the fact that the killing of Patrolman Martin was part of the family lore. "Everyone in the family knew pieces of the story," says Schare, shaking his head. "It was amazing."

Schare and Ballman eventually spoke with Brenda Anders, Walls former girl friend, now out of prison and living in another state. Walls had told her he had killed a man known as "Cadillac Charlie" (Charles Herbert Jillson) who had been the driver of the getaway vehicle that had left

him at the murder scene. Walls claimed to have killed Jillson in a house on River Road, and then taken his body over to Kentucky, burying it in a wooded area. There are no records of Jillson's whereabouts after 1966.

Jesse James Walls, another of Walter Walls brothers, is believed to have been the man on the car lot with Walter who was also chasing Martin. Jesse confessed to a son that he, Walter, and Cadillac Charlie had shot a police officer at a local car dealership. There is not complete certainty of Jesse's involvement since three Walls family members named three different brothers as the third person in the case. However, based on information provided by Jesse's son, Schare and Ballman feel that Jesse was most likely the missing third party.

Walter Walls died in 2002 of cancer. Jesse Walls died several years ago. Charles Jillson was last seen in 1966 and is presumed dead. Despite the fact that these men never went to trial, the preponderance of evidence was such that the Hamilton County Prosecutor agreed that the case could be closed listing Walter Walls as the killer, and Jesse Walls and Charles Jillson as his accomplices. Their punishment is at the hands of a higher authority.

For the members of the CPD, current and retired, the satisfaction lies in having the truth of the case at long last understood. For Detectives Jeff Schare and Kurt Ballman there is the additional satisfaction of a job well done and a fellow officer's memory given its due. 🇺🇸

*Thanks to Colonel Tom Streicher for suggesting this article.*



## TRANSITIONS

### Retirements

The following people retired between January 1 and March 31, 2006. Their years of service are appreciated and they will be missed. We wish them a long and happy retirement!

#### 35 Years

- Sergeant Dan Daum, Youth Services Section

#### 34 Years

- Officer Joseph Link, District 4

#### 31 Years

- Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor Linda Backscheider, Communications
- Sergeant John Sess, District 4
- Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor Rob Schuster, Communications

#### 17 Years

- Sergeant John Wainscott, Traffic Unit

### Promotion

Congratulations to the following individual on her promotion which became effective during the first quarter of 2006. We wish her great success with her new responsibilities!

#### Non-Sworn Personnel Promotion

- Jennifer S. King promoted to Operator/Dispatcher

### New Hires/Transfers

We are pleased to welcome the following new hires or transfers from other City departments into the CPD family. We look forward to working with them for many years to come.

- Kimberly Evans, Clerk Typist 3, Information Technology Management Section from Parking Facilities
- Arin B. Napier, Accountant, Finance Management
- Shamara V. Reed, Accountant, Finance Management
- Christopher Skolds, Clerk Typist 3, District 4 (from Regional Computer Center)



## IN MEMORIAM



The following members and retired members of the Cincinnati Police Department passed away between January 1 and March 31, 2006. We regret their passing, but remember with joy both their service to the community and their friendship with us.

*Officer Edmund C. Bonner*, of Cincinnati, died January 15, 2006 at age 92, served from 1942-1968

*Lieutenant Clarence Mullis, Jr.*, of Cincinnati, died February 8, 2006 at age 64, served from 1964-1998

*Sergeant Patrick C. McKeown*, of Cincinnati, died February 20, 2006 at age 61, served from 1969-1991

*Specialist Floyd G. Shelton*, of Cincinnati, died March 2, 2006, at age 83, served from 1952-1976

*Officer Robert J. Gravett*, of Cincinnati, died March 3, 2006, at age 84, served from 1950-1977

*E911 Operator Jeffrey T. Bradley*, of Cincinnati, died March 19, 2006, at age 37, served from 2002 until time of death

*Officer James R. Boyle*, of Cincinnati, died March 26, 2006, at age 76, served from 1951-1976

## STORY IDEAS?

If you have a good story idea for *The Blue Wave*, you may contact the editor, Patsy Trubow, directly at 859-746-0100, or e-mail her at [Trubow@HollisterTrubow.com](mailto:Trubow@HollisterTrubow.com). You may also contact her through the CPD's Public Information Office at 513-352-3515, 310 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, 45214.

# WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

*Ever wonder what happened to your co-workers after they retired from the CPD?  
This column gives brief profile updates on a few retirees each issue.*

## **Captain Bruce Bell**

*Retired 1977, 28 years*

Shortly after retiring, Bruce and his wife, Ann, moved to Scottsburg, Indiana, where Ann's ailing father and brother needed help running their respective farms. Bruce kept three households going by farming 40 acres of tobacco, hay and garden produce. "I had not worked that hard since I was a boy on the farm in Kentucky," he notes. In 1984 after his parents-in-law died, the couple moved to Jamestown, Kentucky, where they bought the home his parents had once owned. For many years, the couple kept a 44-foot houseboat at the Jamestown marina on Cumberland Lake. "We took frequent trips on the lake and had a lot of fun mingling with people who had boats tied up, having cookouts and celebrating holidays together." Ann passed away in 2001. Today Bruce volunteers regularly at his church office, plus drives the church van picking up shut-ins. He has a 45- x 100-foot garden vegetable garden that keeps many friends well supplied. Bruce is a 55-year member of Masonic Carson Lodge #598 in Cincinnati, a member of a lodge in Jamestown and also continues to be active in Eastern Star.

## **Dispatcher Lu Dettone**

*Retired 1998, 23 years*

After retiring, Lu worked in a friend's retail business for three years. When it was sold, she tried retirement for six months "but I missed having a job to go to!" She took a job doing seasonal work as an "Input Correction Officer" with the Internal Revenue Service. This keeps her

busy nine months of the year. Much of her three off months are spent traveling. Lu takes annual trips to Captiva Island in Florida and to visit friends in Fort Myers Beach. She also regularly visits family in Williamsburg, Kentucky. In addition to her IRS job, her summers are busy with yard work which she loves doing. "I love this time of year because my yard looks like a golf course right now!" She is extremely proud of her two grandsons, Sam and Ben, whose parents are her daughter Susan and CPD Communications Dispatch Supervisor Jim Blake. "I really loved my job with the police. I could not have asked for a better career than working with all those fine people," she says.

## **Lieutenant Milt Dills**

*Retired 1987, 29 years*

Prior to retiring Milt put together a program to reduce the number of false alarm calls into the CPD. When he retired he took two weeks off and then returned as a civilian employee in charge of supervising the program's operation. He resigned the post in 1994 by which time the CPD's annual alarm calls had dropped from 24,000 to 16,000, a considerable cost savings. Milt and his wife, Barbara, spend seven months of the year in Bradenton, FL, and the other five months in Anderson Township. When back in Ohio, Milt stays active doing volunteer work with Parkside Christian Church. They have enjoyed visiting Bermuda, Hong Kong, Israel and England and plan a trip this summer to the Grand Canyon. The couple has two children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Each

February they look forward to the annual Cincinnati Police Reunion held in Sarasota. "There are usually over 100 of us and we have a great time with three days of golf and a big dinner."

## **Sergeant Elmer Eubanks**

*Retired 1967, 25 years*

Upon retiring, Elmer went to work for Cincinnati's Water Works as their security and firearms training officer. When he began his assessment of their operations, he discovered that the Water Works kept their firearms, which were WWII surplus, in metal boxes that were both welded shut and welded to the sidewalls. "At least no one could steal them," he chuckles. He upgraded that department's security operations and wrote a book on firearms training for them. After 13 years, Elmer retired from Water Works and since then has enjoyed taking it easy. When Kathleen, his wife, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, their physician encouraged them to move to Georgia to be near their two grown daughters. "But I miss Cincinnati" he says. Kathleen passed away in late 2003. Elmer lives in Cumming, Georgia, north of Atlanta, sharing a home with one of his daughters and a granddaughter. He is proud of his 70 years of membership with Masonic Lodge #64 in Milford.

## **Administrative Specialist to the Chief Pam Manion**

*Retired 2004, 30 years*

The day Pam retired from the CPD, her husband, Matthew, also retired as Superintendent of the City of Cincinnati's

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Traffic & Road Operations department. A short time later the couple moved to Ross Township, along with Dustin, their now 8-year-old grandson whom they are raising. Settling into their new home and attending Dustin's soccer and baseball games and Tae Kwon-do events have kept the two busy. "It is amazing at times how much we have had to do." Last year was busier still with the events around their son's marriage. In December 2005 Pam took a part-time secretarial position with the Drug Abuse Reduction Team (DART) at Springfield Township and is greatly enjoying her work there. "I never expected retirement would keep me as busy or be as much fun as it has been," she says.

**Lieutenant Tom Oberschmidt***Retired 1988, 27 years*

Because of Tom's dedication in solving domestic abuse and rape crimes, as well as his sensitive handling of victims, the organization "Women Helping Women" named an award after him when he

retired. It is presented annually to a police officer in Hamilton County for excellence in domestic abuse or rape investigation. He still helps train recruits at the Police Academy on these issues. Tom spent his first nine years post-retirement as assistant chief of the University of Cincinnati's police. Following that he put in a stint as a starter at Meadowlinks Golf Course at Winton Woods. He and his wife, Debbie, have a motor home. They have driven Virginia's Skyline Drive in the Blue Ridge mountains, as well as made trips to Maine, Michigan, Missouri and Florida. "My favorite part of retirement is not having to spend Saturday and Sunday doing chores, but being able to kick back and watch games on TV. On the weekend, I just hang out!"

**Patrolman Gene Simpkins***Retired 1986, 26 years*

In 1971, Gene began running the Police Auction for the CPD, taking over the task from retired detective Bill Cleary who had been auctioneer since 1934. Gene ran the

event until it went on-line in 2004. In the meantime, in 1985 the Municipal Garage engaged him to handle auctions of cars, trucks, police cars, fire engines and maintenance equipment. Along with son Dave, he still runs auctions for various municipal entities in Hamilton County as well as several City departments. Gene lives with Bitzy, his Boston Bulldog terrier, in Milan, Indiana, next door to his son and his family. His home is on 21 acres, with a wonderful one-acre fishing lake. The acreage is helpful because through the years he has acquired some terrific old cars, trucks and replicas. Gene is active with Shriner clowns. He recently was appointed lieutenant governor of the Sixth District of Ohio Kiwanis Clubs and is currently the commandant of the Halls of Montezuma Cincinnati Detachment, a Marine Corps veteran group.

## DO YOU KNOW A RETIREE NOT RECEIVING *The Blue Wave*?

If you know a retiree, widow or widower who did not receive this issue of *The Blue Wave*, please let the person know he or she must request to be on our new mailing list.

We no longer use the FOP mailing list nor do we have access to the City's list for non-sworn retirees. We maintain our own list which is kept confidential within the CPD.

Due to budget limitations, *The Blue Wave* cannot be mailed to those who retired from another City department unless they had previously completed at least 15 years of service at the CPD.

Requests to be on the mailing list should be sent to:

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## CPOP's FIRST "SUMMIT" A SOLID SUCCESS!

Approximately 300 Greater Cincinnati citizens took part in an all-day series of meetings that comprised the first annual CPOP Summit on April 8 at the Community Action Agency on Langdon Farm Road. In addition, 33 members of the CPD took part in the event as speakers, CPOP information resources and general participants.

Co-sponsored by the Community Police Partnering Center (CPPC) and the CPD, support for the event was also provided by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the Community Building Institute of Xavier University and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Following the opening remarks from sponsors, a history of the Collaborative Agreement was shared. The group then broke into a series of break-out sessions on nine different topics that reinforced the CPOP philosophy of citizens working in partnership with police to proactively prevent problems, as well as solve existing

ones. Some of the subjects covered in the breakouts were "Blighted and Abandoned Buildings," "Block Watch and Citizens on Patrol," "Landlords and Crime Prevention," and "Citizens Responses to Open Air Drug Dealing." Participants were given practical tips and contact information for various community resources.

"I continue to be amazed at the transformational power of the CPOP methodology to improve community safety, as well as improve police community relations. When this work is embraced, it is amazing to watch the evolution. The change is from police **in** the community as external control agents, to police **and** the community as partners in the co-creation of safer communities, to

police **as** community, being accepted as integral members of the community and embraced by others in that role. That is powerful stuff to watch," says Rick Biel, CPPC Executive Director.

The day wrapped up with a panel discussion which included Biehl along with Police Relations Manager Greg Baker; CPOP Coordinator Lieutenant Larry Powell; FOP President Kathy Harrell; City Councilman Cecil Thomas and Al Gerhardstein of the ACLU.

Post-event evaluations indicated that the Summit was well received by participants. Speakers and their subject matters were given high marks, with open-ended comments offering suggestions for future Summits.



Panelists at the final presentation emceed by Byron White, Executive Director of Community Building Institute (standing), were from the left: ACLU's Al Gerhardstein; CPD's Greg Baker; FOP's Kathy Harrell; City Council's Cecil Thomas; CPD's Larry Powell and CPPC's Rick Biehl.